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Interview with Dr. Leon O. Jacobson in the presence of Mr. Kupferberg, his administrative assistant, Dr. John H. Rust, Professor of Pharmacology, and Dr. George V. LeRoy, Professor of Medicine, all of the University of Chicago. Dr. Jacobson arranged for the presence of the other gentlemen. The interview was conducted by Dr. Marks and Mr. Miazga at 1:30 pm on 4/16/74. Dr. Jacobson is Dean of the University of Chicago Medical School. He was Chief of the Clinical Medicine Section, Deputy Director and, later, Director of the Health Program of the Metallurgical Laboratory.

Dr. Jacobson stated repeatedly during the interview that he knew very little about the injection of plutonium into patients at the University of Chicago. ~~and that he was not involved in making the injections~~ He did acknowledge that he was the Deputy Director and, for a brief period, Director of the Health Program of the Metallurgical Laboratory. However, he volunteered the information that Dr. J. Garrott Allen, who is now at Stanford University, would be more likely to have known something about those patients than Dr. Jacobson himself. He said that Dr. Allen was the only cleared clinician on the surgical ward where the injections would have been likely to take place. Dr. Jacobson was also cleared for such activities but is a hematologist rather than a surgeon. However, the patients need not have been confined to a surgical unit. He mentioned Dr. Cecil Watson but was dubious of Dr. Watson's involvement at the time of the injections. When we mentioned Dr. Nickson's name as the co-author of a paper dealing with the first two patients, Dr. Jacobson expressed the opinion that Dr. Nickson might also have been the physician who gave the injections. This line of questioning was pursued in order to discover who might have held discussions with the patients about the procedure.

We raised the question of whether Dr. Jacobson knew anything of informed consent or disclosure to the patients. To this he responded that he thought that disclosure in some form would have taken place, but he had no direct information that any such disclosure did in fact occur for those particular patients.